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**Minnesota Library
Association**

Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting

**PUBLIC LIBRARY
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SEPTEMBER 6-8, 1916



INTERIOR, VIRGINIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

PROGRAM

Wednesday, September 6.

2:30 p. m. First Session.

Library Administration: Business Methods, Budgets, Financial Records, Reports.

Mr. Raymond L. Walkley, Assistant Librarian, Minneapolis Public Library.

Whence and Whither: An Appraisal.

Miss Gratia A. Countryman, Librarian Minneapolis Public Library. Reports of Standing Committees.

Appointment of New Committees.

6:30 p. m. Banquet at Moose Hall.

8:30 p. m. Illustrated Lecture—Iron Mining on the Mesabi Range.

Mr. J. H. Hearding, Assistant General Manager, Oliver Iron Mining Co., Duluth.

Thursday, September 7.

10:00 a. m. Second Session.

Book Symposium.

Travel in the United States.

Miss Elta Virginia Savage, Reference Librarian, Duluth Public Library.

Electrical and Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. A. B. Holley.

Chemistry.

Mr. J. H. McInnis.

Civil Engineering.

Mr. Arthur E. Anderson.

Architecture and Interior Decoration.

Miss Katharine Patten, Librarian, Minneapolis Athenaeum.

The Use of War Literature.

Miss Belle M. Owens, Assistant, St. Paul Public Library.

The Librarian's Magazines.

Miss Jennie Lasby, Librarian, Northfield Public Library.

2 to 4 p. m. Visit to Virginia and Rainy Lake Lumber Company and to Schools of Virginia.

4:30 p. m. Reception by Ladies of Virginia.

8:00 p. m. Public Meeting.

Address—The Library and the Immigrant.

Mr. John Foster Carr, Director, Immigrant Publication Society, New York.

Friday, September 8.

9:30 a. m. Business Session.

Reports of Officers.

Reports of Committees.

10:00 a. m. Automobile trip to Eveleth, Mountain Iron, Chisholm and Hibbing. Visit to Hull-Rust, Mahoning mines, the largest open pit mines in the world.

12:00 noon. Luncheon given by Library Board of Hibbing.

3:00 p. m. Return to Virginia by automobile.

The executive committee regrets to announce that Dr. Steiner will not be able to be present, but they have been so fortunate as to secure an excellent substitute in Mr. John Foster Carr, Director of the Immigrant Publication Society, New York. Mr. Carr's address before the recent meeting of the A. L. A. was full of interest and the work of his society has been of great value to libraries which have had to do with new Americans.

The program which precedes provides two full sessions, one for discussion of administrative problems and another for the book symposium, besides the two evening lectures, leaving Thursday afternoon and Friday free for visits to libraries and other interesting sights of the Range.

Librarians are urged to make a special effort to attend this meeting, which will be one of unique interest in the history of the association. The libraries on the Range are well known for their superior equipment and broad work and the program offers delightful entertainment, as well as profitable themes for discussion. The travel arrangements will also afford an unusual opportunity for acquaintance and informal conferences, always one of the most helpful features of such meetings.

Trustees are especially invited to take part in the discussion of library administration, and are assured that they will gain many new suggestions from this visit to the Range.

Travel Arrangements.

The Great Northern Railway will provide special through sleepers for members of the Association from both Saint Paul and Minneapolis to Virginia, via Duluth. We have tried to reach every library through a circular letter which the Great Northern Railway has been kind enough to send out for us. For the benefit of those who may have failed to receive this letter, the following information is given:

Round-trip fare from Saint Paul or Minneapolis to Virginia via Duluth, \$9.24.

Double lower standard berth from Saint Paul or Minneapolis to Virginia, one way, \$2.00.

Time of trains, Tuesday, September 5.

Leave Saint Paul.....	11:10 P. M.
Leave Minneapolis	11:50 P. M.
Leave Duluth	7:40 A. M.
Arrive Virginia	10:20 A. M.

These sleepers will be ready for occupancy in both Saint Paul and Minneapolis at 9:00 P. M.

Return Trip. For the return trip from Virginia to Saint Paul or Minneapolis, change cars at Duluth, where there will be a stop-over of about four hours.

Double lower standard berth from Duluth to Saint Paul or Minneapolis, \$1.50.

Time of trains, Friday, September 8.

Leave Virginia	4:20 P. M.
Arrive Duluth	6:44 P. M.
Leave Duluth	11:10 P. M.
Arrive Minneapolis	5:55 A. M.
Arrive Saint Paul.....	6:30 A. M.

The sleepers will be in the Great Northern Depot at Duluth ready for occupancy at 9:00 P. M. and will be left in the depots on arrival at Saint Paul or Minneapolis until 8:00 A. M.

Those who start from either Minneapolis or Saint Paul, or those who pass through either city, must notify the Secretary, Mr. R. L. Walkley, Public Library, Minneapolis, by Monday, September 4, to have reservations made in the special cars. Please state whether you wish to leave from Saint Paul or Minneapolis, and buy your tickets via the Great Northern, the road which has agreed to furnish the special sleeping cars for the party.

Hotels. Arrangements have been made for special rates at the Ormonde and New Fay Hotels. The Ormonde Hotel has reserved accommodations for forty persons at the following rates: one person in a room, without bath, \$1.00; with bath, \$1.50; two persons in a room without bath, \$0.75 each; with bath, \$1.00 each; room with two beds accommodating three or four people, \$0.50 each. Reservations have been made at the New Fay Hotel for forty delegates at the same rates.

Meals may be obtained European plan at either of these hotels and at the cafeteria.

Those attending should notify Miss Mabel Newhard, Librarian, Virginia, not later than September 1st in order to secure reservations, as the hotels are always crowded to the limit.

MINNESOTA EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION, LIBRARY SECTION.

Library interests were recognized by the M. E. A. last year, when a Division of Public School Librarians was organized. A strong library program is announced for the coming meeting in St. Paul, November 1-4, with Mr. George H. Locke, Librarian of the Toronto Public Library as a speaker on the general program, as well as for the section meeting. Other speakers of note will be William A. Wirt, Superintendent of the famous Gary schools, on "A Balanced Load on Child Welfare Agencies" and "The Place of the Elementary School;" Charles Zeublin, lecturer, publicist and civic revivalist, Boston, on "Education for Freedom" and "United States: Pace Maker or Peace Maker;" Dr. Yamei Kin, head of the Woman's Medical School and Hospital, Peiyang, China, on "The Significance of the Forward Movement in China." It is hoped that the Shakespeare pageant given by the St. Paul High School pupils last April may be repeated Friday evening.

The program of the Library Division follows:

Thursday, November 2, 3:30 p. m.

Address—Dr. Dawson Johnston, Librarian, Public Library, St. Paul.

Address—How a Canadian Library contributes toward "Preparedness" with Boys and Girls—the Problem of a National Background—George H. Locke, Librarian, Public Library, Toronto.

Discussion—The Training of Teacher-Librarians—Leader, Martha Wilson, State Supervisor of School Libraries, St. Paul.

Thursday, November 2, 6:30 P. M.

Library dinner, St. John's Church Club, Portland Ave. and Dale St., St. Paul.

Friday, November 3, 9:00 A. M.

Business meeting—Reports—Election of officers.

Furniture and Equipment of School Library Rooms.

Teaching the Use of the Library to High School Students.

Committee on Instruction: Report of Progress.

The Accumulation and Care of Pamphlets. How May Grade Children be Best Served by the School Library.

Round Tables—

- a. The Rural School Library;
- b. The High School Library;
- c. The Normal School Library.

Dr. Locke will address the general session, Friday afternoon, November 3rd, on Efficiency of the Spirit, and will speak to the Department of Secondary Education, Thursday afternoon, on The High School Reference Library.

All librarians will be welcomed at these meetings, and perhaps some who will not find it possible to attend the M. L. A. at Virginia may plan to be present. School libraries are a rapidly growing factor in the Minnesota library field, and public librarians should recognize this new development and be ready to co-operate for the best interests of both institutions.

The officers of the School Librarians' Division are:

President, Alice N. Farr, State Normal School, Mankato.

Vice President, Anna Armstrong, Howard Lake.

Secretary, Mabel Bartleson, Public Library, Minneapolis.

*AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ASBURY PARK CONFERENCE.

The conference of 1916 marked the fortieth anniversary of the American Library Association, though the omission of meetings in 1878, 1880 and 1884, made it only the thirty-eighth conference. It was announced at the meeting that 1,333 members had registered at headquarters, and it was estimated that the number actually in attendance during the week was close to 1,500, surpassing even the record made at Washington in 1914.

The hotel management at the New Monterey left nothing to be desired, rivaling the ever memorable stay at Bretton Woods in 1909, and the Columbia and other overflow hotels were not less zealous in providing for the comfort and convenience of their library guests. The New Jersey and local committees supported by the municipality of Asbury Park offered abundant entertainments, beginning with a reception the first evening. The journey to Princeton marked the red letter day of high festival, when 650 librarians went over on the special train provided largely through the generosity of Mr. Moses Taylor Pyne, chairman of the New Jersey Library Commission. The Asbury Park Chamber of Commerce took members of the A. L. A. on an automobile drive up the coast, and by special arrangement Pryor's

*Extract from Library Journal, August, 1916.

Band began its engagement that week for the special benefit of those attending the conference. The hotel orchestra played for dancing every evening after the meetings, and special books of amusement tickets for the attractions of the Board Walk were issued to members.

The one regret of the conference was the absence of the president, Miss Mary W. Plummer, who was ill in Chicago. Though in poor health all the year, she had never ceased her work for the welfare of the association. Her address on The Public Library and the Pursuit of Truth touched a high level of inspiration and literary charm and finish, and the program, which was planned by her, is conceded to be the best the association has ever had.

The general theme of the program, The Library and Democracy was touched upon in the addresses by Dr. Bostwick, of St. Louis, on How the Community Educates Itself, and by W. W. Bishop, of the University of Michigan, on Leadership Through Learning.

The papers from writers outside the library profession were well received, relating to Democracy in modern fiction, drama, and poetry. The address of John Foster Carr on Some of the People We Work For was full of interesting incident, and Minnesota librarians may look for new inspiration and help in the work with foreigners from his visit to Virginia in September. The reports of section meetings show live discussion and definite accomplishment.

A pleasant feature was added by some little ceremonies attendant upon the fortieth anniversary of the association. Messages of appreciation to Melvil Dewey and to the widow of Frederick Leyoldt, and the presentation of a loving cup to R. R. Bowker, expressed the recognition by the association after forty years of success of the three men who initiated the call for the 1876 conference. Greetings were also sent to the other members of the A. L. A. who were present at the first conference, fourteen of whom are known to be living.

Minnesota was represented at the conference by Mr. Lien of the State Library, Miss Patten and Mr. Walkley of the Minneapolis Public Library, Mr. Gerould of the University Library, Miss Earhart, Duluth and Miss Wildes of the Minnesota Historical Society. A Minnesota dinner was attended by a number of former Minnesota librarians with their friends and relatives. The probability

that the conference will be held in the Middle West next year should insure a larger attendance from this state in 1917.

Officers for 1916-17 were elected as follows:

President—Walter L. Brown, librarian, Public Library, Buffalo, N. Y.

First Vice-President—Harrison W. Craver, librarian, Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Second Vice-President—George H. Locke, librarian, Public Library, Toronto, Ont.

Miss Gratia A. Countryman, librarian, Public Library, Minneapolis, was one of the members of the council chosen by the association for term ending 1921.

SUMMER SCHOOL, 1916

The attendance at the Summer School of 1916 was the largest in its history. Of the total registration of 51, 41 were preparing for work in high school libraries as teacher-librarians, 2 were employed in college or seminary libraries and 8 were librarians or assistants in public libraries.

The instruction in cataloging and classification was given by Miss Bertha Barden, of the staff of the St. Paul Public Library. There were separate sections in book-selection, reference work and library administration; Miss Wilson giving the instruction in book-selection and administration to the school librarians and Miss Baldwin to the public librarians, while Miss Wilson had both sections in reference work. Miss Ruth Haven, the Commission organizer, gave instruction in order, accession and mechanical preparation, and assisted in revising. Miss Elizabeth Scripture, librarian of the East High School, Minneapolis, was employed as reviser and general assistant in the school libraries division.

A special feature of the session this year was the course in children's literature given by Mrs. Gudrun Thorne-Thomsen of Riverside, Ill., June 26-July 7th. The lectures covered poetry for children, fairy tales, realistic stories, Norse and Greek mythology and ballad stories.

A keen analysis was given of the characteristics of each type of literature and its appeal to children, and each lecture was illustrated by stories, told as only Mrs. Thomsen can tell them. Members of the staff of the Minneapolis and St. Paul public libraries were daily attendants at these lectures, and among out of town visitors were Miss Ruth

Ely, Librarian Duluth Normal; Miss Amy A. Lewis, Fergus Falls; Miss Hester Clark, Ortonville; Mrs. Georgia A. Goss, Anoka and Miss Fannie Taylor, Librarian, Sioux Falls, S. D., High School, and a member of the Summer School class of 1913.

On the first afternoon of the course, the students had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Thomsen at tea in Shevlin Hall after the lecture.

Another special treat of the course was the talk by Mrs. Margaret Evans Huntington, chairman of the Library Commission. Mrs. Huntington spoke on Seizing the Tercentenary Occasion, urging the study of Shakespeare in different phases. She pointed out the various threads which might be followed, and the richness and variety of interest to be derived. As an example, she traced the study of Shakespeare's women in the natural relations of maiden, wife, mother and daughter and showed how the elemental qualities of womanhood were illustrated, and how a continued study of the great dramatist emphasizes his power of interpreting the life of the human soul in all ages. Following the lecture, the class adjourned to Shevlin Hall for a social hour and a refreshing ice.

The session closed with a luncheon, given to the instructors, in the large private dining room at Shevlin Hall. Mrs. Perkins was toastmistress and took as her theme "Preparedness." Miss Cone responded to the toast, "The A. L. A.," alluding humorously to the significance of these mystic letters, which on first acquaintance seemed to mean "All librarians, attention" and finally had come to be "Alas, ladies, adieu." Miss Stewart spoke on "The Librarians' leisure hours" and Miss Prall toasted "Our teachers" in clever rhyme. Each of the instructors received a charming bouquet and Miss Baldwin responded on their behalf.

Visits were made by the entire class to the Waldorf Bindery and the Minneapolis Public Library, where Miss Countryman gave a talk on the work of the library and its methods of reaching the city and county. The Minneapolis branch libraries were visited by the public librarians, who were conveyed in the library passenger auto and another car furnished through the courtesy of Miss Lois Jordan of the Minneapolis library staff, thus making it possible to see nine branches in an afternoon. The high school librarians were personally conducted by

Miss Scripture to inspect her library in the East High School, and made a trip to St. Louis Park to see the combination high school and public library.

The following students were registered:
Hannah Anderson, Libn., New Richland School.

Nora A. Bakke, Libn., Warren School.
Izora M. Bement, Libn., Cokato School.
Ruth Bengston, Libn., New Prague School.
Augusta Bjeldanes, Libn., Glenwood School.

Alfhild N. Boquist, Libn., Cloquet School.
Bernice Cone, Libn., Fairmont School.
Russella Cooper, Libn., Janesville School.
Grace H. Corwin, Libn., Wheaton School.
Pearl M. Day, Libn., Chaska School.
Margaret M. Doty, Libn., Elbow Lake School.

Edith Emery, Libn., Caledonia School.
Nellie G. Freeman, Libn., White Bear Public Library.

Grace Grant, Asst., Duluth Public Library.
Elsie K. Hankey, Libn., Stillwater School.
Nellie Hanson, Libn., Elmore School.
Ada Harriman, Libn., Lakefield School.
Celia Hicks, Libn., Buffalo School.
Sophie M. Holzheid, Libn., White Bear School.

Alice D. Hurlburt, Libn., Spring Grove School.

Mildred Kimball, Libn., Delano School.
Pearle Knight, Libn., Mora School.
Laura Krefting, Libn., Kenyon School.
Sara Lamb, Libn., Public Library, Wayzata.

Elizabeth Lambert, Libn., Argyle School.
Winifred Lewis, Asst., Chisholm Public Library.

Olga A. Mayer, Libn., Dassel School.
Florence Moehlenbrock, Libn., Dawson School.

Ruby L. Nash, Libn., Tyler School.
Blanche L. Olsen, Libn., Ada School.
Marie Otto, Asst., Red Wing Public Library.

Mrs. Ester Granville Perkins, Libn., Pine Island Public Library.

Helen Young Prall, Libn., Keewatin Public Library.

Elizabeth Pritchard, Libn., Alden School.
Mary E. Rhodes, Libn., Anoka School.
Beth E. Scott, Libn., Little Falls School.
Charline Lillian Shelp, Libn., Lindstrom School.

Harriette M. Smith, Libn., Hallock School.
Nina C. Stewart, Libn., Northfield School.

Mrs. Henrietta P. Taber, Libn., Red Wing Seminary.

Clara Tederstrom, Asst., Gustavus Adolphus College Library, St. Peter.

Ida B. Thompson, Libn., Mahnomen School.

Bertha H. Thorpe, Libn., Farmington School.

Alma J. Trieloff, Libn., Le Sueur Center School.

Almira M. Ward, Libn., Pelican Rapids School.

Fanny Weinberg, Asst., Duluth Public Library.

Florence A. Wilkinson, Libn., Duluth High School.

Adelia Winther, Libn., Benson School.

Edith Woolsey, Libn., Shakopee School.

Rosalie A. Zeien, Libn., Hinckley School.

Eda Zwinggi, Libn., Lamberton School.

CLARA BALDWIN LIBRARY CLUB.

The final meeting of the Clara Baldwin Library Club for the season was held at Buhl in June, with Miss Grannis as hostess. Regular meetings will be resumed in October.

Officers for 1916-17 were elected as follows:

President—Margaret Hickman, Eveleth.

Secretary—Stella Stebbins, Mountain Iron.

LIBRARY MAGAZINE CLUB.

But three librarians responded to the suggestion in the June *Notes and News* regarding the formation of a library magazine club. The Commission feels sure, however, that others will wish to join and will start the circuit with the August numbers of *Library Journal*, *Public Libraries*, *Wisconsin Library Bulletin* and *New York Libraries*. To cover the cost of additional numbers of these periodicals, a subscription of 50c a year will be charged.

ST. PAUL LIBRARY ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS.

The Bureau of Civil Service announces the following examinations for library positions in the St. Paul Public Library. Residence requirements have been waived:

September 25.

Cataloguer, salary: \$70 to \$80 a month.

(This examination is for both original entrance and promotion.)

Subjects and weights of original entrance examination: Special Subjects (50); Educational (30); Experience (20).

Subjects and weights of promotion examination: Duties (50); Educational (20); Efficiency and Seniority in service (30).

Requirements: Applicants must have (1) high school education, at least two years' of college work, special library training in an approved school, and one year's experience in cataloguing; or (2) high school education, at least two years of college work, training in an apprentice class, and two years' practical experience under the direction of a trained cataloguer. These requirements will be considered liberally and any applicant having substantially the equivalent of these will be admitted.

Note—This will be an unassembled examination; the candidates may write the examination at their homes. The question papers will be mailed to all candidates so as to reach them approximately at the same time.

September 27.

Senior Library Assistant. Salary: \$50 to \$65 a month.

(Examination for both original entrance and promotion.)

Requirements: Must have (1) high school education or equivalent, and training in a library school or apprentice class; or (2) have high school education and have two years' experience under the direction of a trained librarian. These requirements will be considered liberally and any applicant having substantially the equivalent of these will be admitted.

Subjects and weights of original entrance examination: Special Subject (50); Literature (10); History (10); Civics (10); Experience (20).

Subjects and weights of promotion examination: Duties (50); Literature (10); History (5); Civics (5); Efficiency and seniority in service (30).

Applications: Applications may be had upon request at the Civil Service Bureau only, Room 45 of Court House. Applications for all examinations must be filed in the Civil Service Bureau before 5 p. m. on the business day preceding the day of the examination to which they relate.

CARNEGIE LIBRARIES

On July 1, 1915, the Carnegie Corporation sent out blanks to all libraries which had received gifts from the corporation with a view to ascertaining whether the communities have made good on their pledges of revenue to carry on library work in the buildings provided.

A result of this survey has recently been sent to the Commission, showing that seven communities sent no reports to the Corporation and that eight others had not made good on their pledges. Investigation on the part of the Commission showed that the blanks had not reached the proper authorities in most of the towns which failed to report and nearly all of these have now made satisfactory reports. There was some misunderstanding of reports on the part of others which had apparently failed to make good. The Carnegie Corporation insists that the money be not only appropriated but spent, and large balances should not be carried over from year to year.

This brings up the entire question of financial support of libraries, which should be given more attention by library boards. When the Carnegie gifts are accepted, the council agrees to provide the required sum for maintenance. Although there may be some question as to whether this is binding on future councils, there is certainly a moral obligation placed upon the community, and library trustees should feel responsible for seeing to it that such obligation is fully met.

It is a matter of deep regret to the Library Commission that any Minnesota community should fail to live up to its agreement, as it reflects not only on the state as a whole, but may prevent other deserving communities in the state from receiving gifts from the Corporation.

The Carnegie Corporation is raising the per cent required for maintenance in some instances, which seems to be a wise proceeding, as many communities are realizing that 10 per cent is not sufficient to give adequate service.

The question of budgets, reports, etc., will be discussed at the state library meeting in September. The Commission at this time hopes to present a complete survey showing what Minnesota towns are doing in the way of library support, with a view to arousing civic pride and a greater sense of responsibility for proper business management in library affairs.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

The Minneapolis Public Library has offered for sale a considerable stock of surplus fiction at ten cents a copy. In addition to the late fiction which has served its day in the renting collection, there are many books from ten to fifteen years old, which are in fairly good condition, although some have been rebound. There are many copies of such authors as Black, Caine, Crawford, DeLand, Forman, etc. It is suggested that small libraries might send in lists of books which they would like to replace, as many such titles could be supplied from this stock.

Address MISS LOIS M. JORDAN,
Chief Order Department,
Public Library, Minneapolis.

Atlantic Monthly—

Volumes 11 to 41, inclusive, except v. 11, no. 63 and 64, v. 12, no. 72, v. 21, no. 126, v. 25, no. 147 and 149, v. 30, no. 177, v. 34, no. 206.

Century—

Volumes 23 to 56, inclusive, except v. 24, no. 4, v. 25, no. 1, also v. 59, 60, 70, 71.

Scribner's Monthly—

Volumes 16 to 22, inclusive, except v. 16, no. 1, v. 22, no. 6.

Chautauquan—

Volume 5, except nos. 6 and 7, v. 8, v. 9, v. 18, v. 19, v. 22, v. 23.

Address Hattie E. Marvin, Librarian,
Public Library, Zumbrota, Minn.

The Fergus Falls Public Library has the following list of books to dispose of at a nominal price. The sets are in fair condition, and were removed from shelves to make room for others. What offers?

Amy A. Lewis, Librarian.

Fiction.

Judd. Margaret.

Reade. Works—11 v.

Scott. Works—21 v.

Tolstoi. Anna Karenina.

— War and peace. 4 v.

Non-Fiction.

Bird. Unbeaten tracks in Japan.

Grant. Personal memoirs of General Grant
2 v.

Headley. The great rebellion. 2 v.

Hill. Highways of progress.

Johnston. American politics.

Matthews. Getting on in the world.

TRAVELING LIBRARY NOTES.

A traveling library has been sent to Fort Snelling for the use of the companies still in camp at that place. Mr. Donald B. Gilchrist, of the University Library, a member of Battery B, is in charge of the library.

New traveling libraries are being made up, and some of the old sets replenished by adding new books, and a campaign of advertising will be undertaken in the newspapers throughout the state.

Club Libraries.

Ninety club libraries have been reserved for the year 1916-17, nearly all of which have already been sent out. The subjects most in demand are South America and Modern drama. At the request of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association libraries on Woman suffrage have been made up for the use of local suffrage clubs and for general reading in the community. These libraries consist of pamphlets and leaflets on both sides of the question furnished by the state suffrage and anti-suffrage organizations, with twenty additional books and pamphlets on suffrage and woman's relation to economics and social problems in general.

In order to serve several clubs studying the same subject, a circuit will be arranged for the loan collections of pictures on Shakespeare and American art, and some of the sets of stereoscopic views.

Club libraries are still available on the following subjects:

Alaska	Immigration
Architecture, American	Ireland and Wales
Architecture, Italian	Italian cities
Art, French	Italian literature
Art, Greek and Roman	Italy, travel
Art, Italian	Mythology
Art, Spanish	Nature
Art, Roman	Netherlands
Arts and crafts	Norway, Sweden and Denmark
Bible, New Testament	Palestine
Child study	Painting
China	French
Civil government	Italian—Gothic and early Renaissance
Civics	Italian—Later Renaissance
Egypt, Modern	Russia
England, History	Scandinavian literature
English literature—Elizabethan literature to 17th century	Scotland
17th to date	Sculpture—American
18th century	Greek and Roman
Victorian age	Social problems
Browning	Turkey and the Balkans
Tennyson	U. S. History—Survey
France, History	Revolution
French literature	Civil war
German literature	Civil war to present
Greece, History	West Indies
Greece, travel	A. C.
Hygiene	

PERSONAL

Miss Margaret Mahoney, Minnesota Library Summer School, 1912, teacher and librarian in the Longfellow School, St. Paul, has substituted in the Library Commission office during the summer.

Miss Helen F. Carleton, Simmons College, 1914, for two years librarian at Dickinson, N. D., will join the Commission staff in September as a substitute during the absence of Miss Pringle.

Her many library friends will sympathize with Miss Minnie Bird of Fairmont in the sudden death of her mother. "Grandma Bird," as she was affectionately called, was a pioneer in Minnesota, coming here at the close of the Civil War. She was active in church and community welfare, and the mother of ten children, all of whom survive her.

Miss Louise Sias, formerly librarian at Buhl, who has just completed her course at the Wisconsin Library School, has been appointed librarian of the school and public library at Nashwauk, succeeding Miss Ruth McIlvaine, who has resigned to study art.

Miss Ethel Stephens, formerly librarian at Keewatin, substituted in the Normal School library at Emporia, Kan., during the summer, and will begin work as assistant cataloger in Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, Iowa, September 1st.

Miss Bertha Barden of the St. Paul Public Library has been given six months leave of absence and has returned to her home in Cleveland Heights.

Miss Lucile Clinton, librarian of the Lyndale Branch, Minneapolis, has been transferred to the Branch Department to fill the position left by Miss Thorson, who has been appointed Technical Librarian. Miss Melissa Heald of the Franklin Branch succeeds Miss Clinton at Lyndale.

The following assistants have been added to the staff of the Minneapolis Library:

From the Western Reserve Library School—

Miss Adelaide Rood, Assistant, Sumner Branch.

Miss Louise Grant, Children's Librarian, Pillsbury Branch.

Mrs. Mura Craine, Children's Librarian, North Branch.

Miss Florence Mettler, Assistant, Catalog Department.

From the Illinois Library School—

Miss Mary Nichols, Assistant, Circulation Department.

NEWS OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES

(Items of news for this column are solicited from all libraries in the state. They should be sent to the Secretary of the Commission by the 15th of the month preceding each issue of the bulletin, which appears quarterly in March, June, September and December.)

Aurora. The village library which is maintained in the city hall has been making some changes to give more room for readers. The book room has been converted into a children's reading room by removing the floor cases, and the former reading room will be used for adults only. A new magazine rack has been placed in the reading room.

Big Falls. An entertainment and moving picture show was given to raise money for new books.

Buhl. The school library at Buhl, which also serves as the public library, has 405 borrowers. The library at Kinney in the same school district is placed in the kindergarten room on the first floor of the Kinney school and is beginning to be used by the people of that community. It is open in the summer three days in the week. The two libraries circulated 13,991 books during the last year.

Caledonia. Three of the Abbey pictures of the Holy Grail have been placed on the library walls.

Chisholm. Additional stacks will be placed in the book room to accommodate the growing collection of books.

Cloquet. The librarian, Miss Mildred Riley, has conducted a children's hour during the summer months. The children have met every Thursday morning and have been taught games, and instructed in handiwork such as making dolls, doll furniture and playthings out of simple materials.

Duluth. Plans for the West End Branch have been approved by the Carnegie Corporation and it is probable that construction will begin this fall. The West End Library has fallen heir to the personal library of Mrs. Josephine C. Haglund.

East Grand Forks. The school library has been open to the public during the past year, in charge of Miss Helen Spence, one of the teachers, who had some library experience. During the year 249 new books were added, 22 magazines were regularly received, over 5,280 books were loaned and the attendance of readers was 6,798.

Eveleth. The public library has issued its annual report in an attractive little leaflet with a cut of the library on the front cover.

Excelsior. The Woman's Club of Lake Minnetonka is maintaining a branch library in Excelsior in connection with the county station of the Minneapolis Public Library. Magazines and books have been donated to form a nucleus for a permanent library for Excelsior.

Fairmont. The Indian photographs loaned by the Beard Art Co. were much admired and brought people to the library who had never been in before.

Faribault. Miss Grace McKinstry has presented to the library a set of the messages of the presidents and a large number of magazines.

Fergus Falls. An inventory of library property made at the request of the city council estimates the total value of library property, including building and grounds, books and furniture, at \$28,000.

Granite Falls. The magazines kept in the Rest Room are now loaned for one week.

Hibbing. Contract for the addition to the Carnegie building has been let for \$70,125.00 to an Ashland firm. The old building will be completely surrounded on the street sides and entirely remodeled. The new structure will be of sandstone. Temporary quarters for the library will be found in a store building until the work is completed.

Kenyon. The library room in the city hall has been thoroughly cleaned, calcimined, and freshly curtained and new books have been added by gift and purchase.

Lake City. The library board in presenting their annual report to the council asked that the appropriation for the coming year be increased from \$500 to \$650. The question of securing more room either by enlarging the present quarters or erecting a separate building is also being discussed.

Lake Crystal. A library association has been organized in Lake Crystal, with a membership fee of one dollar a year, for the purpose of maintaining a free library and reading room for the use of the community. Miss Baldwin met with those interested June 8th to assist in perfecting the organization and for a discussion of ways and means.

Long Prairie. The ladies of the Clotho Social Circle, a village near Long Prairie, gave a ten-cent luncheon for the benefit of the Long Prairie Public Library. This organization gives fortnightly entertainments of this kind usually for the benefit of some civic work in their own community.

Mankato. During the hot days a summer reading room was made of the downstairs lecture room. Readers were given the privilege of taking down books and magazines to this room which was far cooler than the regular reading room. One table was reserved for writing.

An interesting collection of pictures of the Mankato pageant has been made, and a collection of five old Mankato scenes which appeared in newspapers at the time of the Indian execution has been sent to the library by a collector of old prints in Massachusetts.

Minneapolis. Closer co-operation is being sought between the school, library and park boards in all matters of public education and recreation. A joint committee of the three boards has been appointed to confer regarding sites for schools and playgrounds, location of branch libraries and other problems in which the three boards might co-operate.

Special effort has been made this summer to follow up grade pupils who are leaving school. Return cards were mailed to all such pupils which read as follows:

"The public library is offering three free extension courses as follows:

Reading as an amusement.

Reading as a continuation of education.

Reading as a means of increasing salaries.

"These are not class room lessons but friendly direction in the choice of books that will prove entertaining or helpful.

"If you enjoy reading, please fill out the attached card and mail it at once. In a few days come to our reference room on the third floor of the central library, at Hennepin avenue and Tenth street, and find a list of books chosen especially for you."

The return cards contain a list of subjects in which the boy or girl might be interested,

and when he calls at the library, he finds a list of books on the subject awaiting him. Miss Clara Fanning, of the Reference Department, is in charge of the work and gives special attention to each pupil.

Northome. The public library received a small sum as profits from a moving picture show which was brought to Northome through the efforts of a former board member.

Paynesville. The library has received a gift of 28 volumes from Mr. John Bertelson.

Proctor. Application for a Carnegie library has been made by the library committee of the Business Men's Association.

Sauk Center. H. Sinclair Lewis, author of *Our Mr. Wrenn* and *The Trail of the Hawk*, while visiting his old home at Sauk Center, gave a lecture in the High School auditorium, the proceeds of which were devoted to the library fund. His subject was Modern Literature.

Virginia. The council has given \$2,000 to the library board to equip and maintain a downtown reading room for the lumberjacks. It is open day and night; and an average of twelve guests spend the night; sleeping on benches loaned by the Park Board. The room is plentifully supplied with magazines and newspapers.

The library has purchased a Bausch and Lomb picture projector, with which some interesting work is planned for the coming winter.

Wadena. A series of ice cream socials and the annual picnic at Black's Grove were given during the summer for the benefit of the library. A gift of 40 books from Mrs. B. F. Hartshorn was greatly appreciated.

Walker. The Library Reading Circle has purchased 150 new juvenile books with the money realized from tag day. This association has a membership of 50, and has raised a total of \$310 during the past year. This has been spent for books and pictures for the library.

Mrs. Catherine McK. Blake gave a lecture at the public library in June on Shakespeare's Women.